

# Military Eliminates Scores Of ISWAP Fighters In Borno



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**ABUJA** – The Nigerian Military High Command on Friday, said that its Air Task Force of Operation LAFIYA DOLE, has eliminated scores of fighters of the Islamic States of the West Africa province (ISWAP), in Borno State.

Major General John Enenche, Coordinator of the Defence Media Operations, (CDMO), who disclosed this in an operation update, released to the media, in Abuja, said that troops also destroyed the terrorists hideouts.

General Enenche said the operation was in continuation of the air offensive against terrorist elements in the North East of the country, by the Air Task Force of Operation LAFIYA DOLE.

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Accordingly, the CDMO said troops in the airstrikes, “eliminated scores of Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) fighters and destroyed compounds housing them at Tongule in the Lake Chad area of Northern Borno.

“The air strikes were conducted on 12 August 2020 following credible Human Intelligence (HUMINT) reports indicating terrorists’ activities in the village.

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“Accordingly, following confirmatory Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions, which showed

presence of a sizable number of the ISWAP elements at designated locations in the settlement, the Air Task Force dispatched a force package of Nigerian Air Force (NAF) fighter jets to attack the location.

“The NAF Jets took turns in engaging the location scoring devastating hits on the designated targets leading to the destruction of the structures as well as the neutralization of several ISWAP fighters.

“The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Sadique Abubakar, commends the Air Task Force for their dedication and professionalism and urges them to intensify the air offensive against the terrorists and all other criminal elements in the country,” the Defence Operations spokesman stated.

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